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STORAGE STABILITY DURING THEIR  
STORAGE IN A BAG PACKAGE, AND  
PROCESS FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert -This application is the national  
phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No.  
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